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For: METHOD AND DEVICE )  
FOR CONTROLLING BIAS )  
OF OPTICAL MODULATOR )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the first, non-final Office Action mailed on December 22, 2008, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13, and 18-23 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Taneda, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0030791 A1, and Ono et al., U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0171900 A1.

2. Rejected Claim 4 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Taneda, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0030791 A1; and Ono et al., U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0171900 A1 as applied above, and further in view of Ooi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,118,564.

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3. Rejected Claims 11, 14-17, 24, and 25 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Taneda, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0030791 A1, and Ono et al., U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0171900 A1 as applied above, and further in view of Doi et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,340,114.

The following remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.